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In re US Patent Application of )  
Thomas W. Astle ) Art Unit: 1655  
Serial No. 09/460,107 )  
Filed: December 13, 1999 ) Examiner: F Lu  
Title: CONTINUOUS POLYMERASE CHAIN )  
REACTION PROCESS WITH MULTIPLE )  
TEMPERATURE STATIONS ) Date: July 26, 2000.

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington DC 20231

AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action, mailed April 26, 2000, and having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire July 26, 2000.